## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended above, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending and stand rejected in the current office action.

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 18 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in the

specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed.

## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

In the office action dated January 13, 2005, claims 1-15 and 18 stand rejected under

35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Roberts et al., U.S. patent No. 6,295,551

(referred to hereafter as Roberts). The office action asserts, regarding applicant's

independent claim 1, that Roberts teaches, "a processing component coupled to the

sender component to process a business message or a polling request for transfer to

another networked computing apparatus (see col. 7 lines 17-25)". (Office action dated

01/13/05, page 2, paragraph numbered 3) The office action further states:

> "When the user signs on, the user applet generates a child browser in the
>
> user view of the user computer and then begins to poll the server for call
>
> request status (see col. 20 lines 50-col. 21 lines 25). <u>The child browser</u>

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<u>starts polling only when the user signs on.</u>" (emphasis added) (Office

action dated 01/13/05, page 7, paragraph 1)

In Roberts, the polling begins only when a session is initiated by the user signing on;

no polling requests are sent either before the session is initiated, nor after it is terminated

by the user. Therefore, a polling request is capable of being sent only upon the user's

immediate action of signing on, and is rendered incapable of being sent upon another

immediate action, that being the user signing off and closing an active session. As can be

seen, polling in Roberts takes place only after immediate user action, and only within the

confines of an active session.

As the polling in Roberts only starts when the user signs on, applicant respectfully

submits that Roberts fails to teach the limitation of 'the networked computing apparatus

being capable to send a polling request at configurable intervals' as recited in applicant's

amended independent claim 1, applicant respectfully submits that the U.S.C. §102(e)

rejection of claim 1 is traversed and should be withdrawn.

In as much as the rejected claims 2-5 depend from independent claim 1 and thereby

include at least the claimed limitation not taught by Roberts, applicant respectfully

submits the U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of these claims should also be withdrawn.

Likewise, applicant respectfully submits that Roberts fails to teach the at least one of

the first networked computing apparatus and the second networked computing apparatus

being capable to send a polling request at configurable intervals, as recited in applicant's

amended independent claims 6, 11 and 18. Applicant respectfully submits the U.S.C.

§102(e) rejections of claims 6, 11, and 18 are traversed and should be withdrawn, as

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should be the U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 7-10 and 12-15 that depend from claims

6 and 11 respectively.

## Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the office action, claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

as being unpatentable over Roberts in view of Hemphill et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,167,448

(referred to hereafter as Hemphill). To form the basis for a valid 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

rejection, the prior art references, either alone or in combination, must teach or suggest

all the claim limitations of applicant's claimed invention. (MPEP §706.02(j))

As discussed and demonstrated in the prior section regarding the asserted 35 U.S.C.

102 rejection, Roberts fails to teach all the claim limitations of applicant's amended

independent claims 11 and 18 in as much as Roberts fails to teach the limitation of at

least one of the first networked computing apparatus and the second networked

computing apparatus being capable to send a polling request at configurable intervals. As

cited in the office action, the recitations of Hemphill regarding HTTP POST messages are

unrelated to this claim limitation in the amended claims 11 and 18, and so the

combination of Roberts with Hemphill also fails to teach or make obvious applicants'

invention.

Since the rejected claims 16-17 and 19-20 depend from and include all the claim

limitations of independent claims 11 and 18 respectively, the combination of Roberts

with Hemphill likewise fails to teach or make obvious all the claim limitations of claims

16-17 and 19-20. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the 35

U.S.C. 103(a) rejection from claims 16-17 and 19-20.

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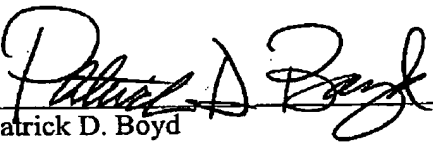<div align="right">Application Serial No. 09/815,497</div>

## CONCLUSION

In light of the points and arguments set forth herein, applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been properly overcome, and all claims are allowable as amended.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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